

Remarks:

The application has been carefully considered and the claims in the application have been rewritten in an effort to further define the invention and to distinguish over the prior art.

Applicant provides a novel hook frame which structure is entirely new to the art of record.

Applicant's hook frame is separate from the bucket frame and the loader attachment means.

None of the references, including the Staben, Pratt, and Bright, show a separate hook frame. In the Staben reference, the hooks 54 are mounted directly to the bucket frame 14. In the Pratt reference, there is no bucket or bucket frame, only a tine frame 11 and the hooks are directly mounted to the tine frame. In both of these references, the hooks must be manually lifted up to the top of the bucket or tine frame and attached which is heavy duty job which must be done each time the hooks are to be used.

By applicant having its own separate hook frame, the loader can be used to attach to the hook frame, and then the hook frame be used by the loader to attach the hook frame to the bucket frame. Consequently, there is no need to lift and manually attach the hooks to bucket or to a tine frame, as is necessary in the prior art, as applicant's invention has its own hook frame.

Both independent Claims 7 and 8 are directed to this separate hook frame, which is new to the art and believed to be of novel and patentable significance.

Independent Claim 9 is directed to the novel cable guide mechanism which is also new to the art of record and believed to be of novel and patentable significance. None of the references of record show channels to guide the cables as the end of the cables are moved when the hook frame is moved by the movement of the attachment means of the loader relative to the arms of the loader which would otherwise cause the cables to flop about or fall to one side, as there is nothing to guide and keep the intermediate portions of the cables in place when the ends of the cable are moved by the arms of the loader.

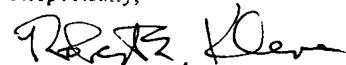
Dependent Claim 10 deals with the cable guide mechanism and is dependent upon the hook frame features of Claim 8 to link the features together.

Dependent Claim 11 recites the roller provided for the channels as set forth in Claim 9.

Accordingly, it is believed that the Claims in the case are directed to novel and allowable subject matter.

Favorable action upon the Claims 7-11, inclusive, is courteously requested.

Respectfully,



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